



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the history of the State of Tennessee was strongly influenced by our Native American Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of the American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by George H. W. Bush in August 1990; designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of National American Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2014 as

*Native American Heritage Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of October, 2014.



*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Lee Hargett*

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Secretary of State